

phosphatidyl glycerol (PG); and

an admixture of DPPC and PG in a weight ratio of about 3:1.

(Amended) The method of claim [39,] wherein said surfactant further comprises palmitic acid, and wherein said phospholipid comprises about 50-90 weight percent and said palmitic acid comprises the remaining 10-50 weight percent of the lipid portion of said surfactant.

REMARKS

No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Support for amended claim 13 can be found at page 30, lines 3-24. The amendments to claims 13, 14, 26, 27, 28, 37, 40, 41, and 42 remove dependency on canceled claims. Claims 13, 26, 37 and 40 are presented as independent claims. However, inasmuch as independent claims 1, 10, 11, 21, 25, 29, 32-34, 39 and 43 are canceled by the present amendment, no additional claim fee is required.

A Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 13-16, 26-28, 37, 38, and 40-42 is enclosed, as well as our check in the amount of \$110.00 for the fee required under 37 CFR §1.20(d).

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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